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1. AT JANUARY 5 POLADS MEETING, FRENCH REP REPORTED THAT THE DECEMBER 14-17 VISIT OF ROMANIAN PRIME MINISTER MANESCU TO FRANCE WAS DEVOTED MAINLY TO ECONOMIC ISSUES AND THAT THE FRENCH EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO IMPROVE CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC RELATIONS.
2. THE ROMANIANS DOWNPLAYED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT WP BUCHAREST MEETING ON WP POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS, NOTING THAT CHANGES WERE NOT REALLY INNOVATIVE AND THAT THE SECRETARIAT WOULD NOT BE CONFIDENTIAL

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PERMANENT BUT WOULD SIMPLY MEET AS NECESSARY TO ASSIST IN PREPARING FOR FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETINGS. THE WP FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD MEET AGAIN BEFORE THE BELGRADE CSCE FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE.

3. NOTING THE NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS' OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THE ROMANIANS SAID THEY HAD BEEN UNDER NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE LIKELY NATO REACTION. REFERRING TO THE POSSIBILITY OF SPAIN ENTERING NATO, THE ROMANIANS EXPRESSED THEIR OPPOSITION TO DEVELOPMENTS THAT WOULD

DIVIDE EUROPE FURTHER INTO BLOCS. THE FRENCH REAFFIRMED THEIR DISAGREEMENT WITH WP ON BOTH POINTS. THE ROMANIANS DESCRIBED THEMSELVES AS INTERESTED IN EXPANDED RELATIONS AMONG THE BALKAN COUNTRIES, AND SAID BULGARIA WAS A BRAKE ON PROGRESS.

4. THE FRENCH DID NOT ENCOURAGE THE ROMANIAN'S HOPE THE PRESIDENT OR PRIME MINISTER OF FRANCE COULD VISIT ROMANIA THIS YEAR, BUT THE ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WILL COME TO PARIS IN THE FALL. THE FRENCH AND ROMANIANS AGREED TO MEET AT AN UNSPECIFIED LEVEL IN THE SPRING IN BUCHAREST TO DISCUSS CSCE BEFORE THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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